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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

A. SANADA et al

Serial No. 09/987,815

Group Art Unit: 2161

Filed: November 16, 2001

Examiner: R. Zender

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RENTAL STORAGE SYSTEM

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination thereof, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel non-elected ~~claims~~ 16 and 17 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Non-elected claims 16 and 17 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer so they can be prosecuted in a divisional application. Accordingly, claims 1-15 and 18-20 are currently pending in the application.

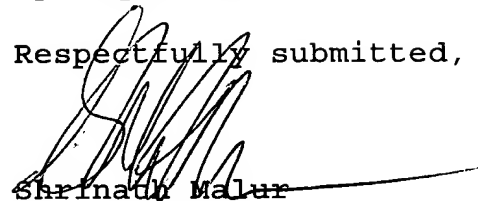
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Examination is respectfully requested.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

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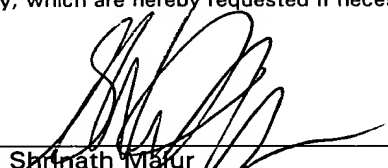
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- ☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- ☒ Any Extension of Time fees that are necessary, which are hereby requested if necessary.

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